## WOMEN BATTLE FOR POWER AT VIENNA'S COURT

Empress Zita's Influence Over Her Husband Will Be Challenged Early in His Reign by the Hapsburg Archduchesses, Led by the Empress's Mother-in-Law Who Opposed Her Son's Marriage Mother-in-Law, Who Opposed Her Son's Marriage

ARCHDUCHESS BLANCHE AND HER SONS, SHE IS A BOURBON, BEING A DAUGHTER OF THE LATE DON CARLOS.



ANNUNCIATA, AUNT (UNMARRIED)

OF THE NEW EMPEROR, ACTED
AS FIRST LADY IN THE LAND UNTIL
THE PRESENT EMPEROR'S MARRIAGE

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LONDE haired, blue eyed Empress Zita of Austria, with all that charm of manner inberited from her great-grandmother, the fascinating Duchesse de Berry, and despite her youth-she is barely twenty-four years of age has nevertheless given already evidence of possessing a masterful character. This is the im-pression which she has made upon those who have been brought into contact with her since her marriage, and she bids 'are to play a dominant role in the new reign at Vienna.

Wedded to the eldest son of the most

fickle, and, in matters where the fair sex was concerned, the most unscrupulous of all of the Don Juans who have faured in the annals of the House of Hapsburg, she has known how not only to win but also to retain the entire devotion of her husband. This is all the more to her credit, since at the time of her marriage she possessed but little experience of the world, and still less of those feminine artifices which women more sophisticated are apt to employ to secure and to anchor the affections of their admirers.

She had received most of her educa-

tion in a Benedictine convent in the lale of Wight, and it was in that most delightful and picturesque of the Britich Isles that she was wooed and won by Emperor Charles. She went almost tood to prevent the union. Many of the members of the imperial family, es-pecially of the Archduchesses, were opposed to the match, and an endeavor another Bourbon princess into the sov-eign house of Hapsburg. Intrigues re organized to wean young Arch-

duke Charles from his infatuation.
But all without success. Zita never placed in his path. The marriage took to pity and to forgiveness.

During the lifetime of Empress Elizaplace. It proved extremely popular, and to-day the new Emperor is entirely and admittedly submissive to her lively and admittedly submissive to her lively and court functions was so pro-

Thus far she has used that influence Thus far she has used that influence to stiffen his backbone and to infuse a degree of manliness and forcefulness in-law, to take her place as first lady in the land rather than the Belgian this nature which it did not formerly possess. As a young officer he was disposed to indolence rather than to energy, inclined to avoid trouble instead of boldly confronting it, and instead of boldly confronting it. ensygoing ways. Much of this unexginning of the war. But most of it is

That this influence of Zita over her

admiration and the good will of a hold until the marriage of Princess monarch, especially when he is young Zita of Bourbon to the then heir pre and good looking, are extraordinary, sumptive, now Emperor Charles I. Like the peacock, with his feathers. they put forth all their charms to cap- plenty of opportunity to avenge the fivate his eye, no matter how lofty slights put upon her mother. She their principles or irreproachable their at one time betrothed to Duke Siegmanifest pleasure at the distinction pelled to break off the match on the

times past to boast of more lovely the affi-It may safels be assumed many attempts will be made by the

foregone conclusion. Zita her influence over her bushand, of Prague crowns the King with the There will be also the ladies of the crown of St. Wenceslaus. Hapsburg family, which comprises duchesses, most of them engaged in Marie Therese and Annunciata

to do so in the future. Archduchess was opposed to her son's ganatic wife to be received at court marriage. It was not only that she felt and to rank as a member of the imto. Zita that jealousy which many perial family.

a mother entertains for the woman It is difficult to convey any idea of baving been engineered by Archduch-ess Marie Therese, whom she driests.



AN EARLIER PICTURE OF ARCH-DUCHESS ELIZABETH PRINCESS OF WINDISCH GRATZ, WHO WOULD BE OUEEN OF HUNGARY, WERE IT NOT FOR THE PRAGMATIC SANCTION

ony, extremely dull. Moreover, in the perpetual dissensions that marrid the entire married life of Maria Josepha the latter's handsome and dashing husstraight from the school room to the sltar, and her debut at the court of Vienna synchronized with her marriage. When his health gave way and he was overtaken by that frightful malady which forced him into seclusion and to which he eventually succumbed it was his stepmother who soothed and nursed him throughout his sufferings was even made to stir up popular and who watched by his deathbed, from prejudice against the idea of bringing which his wife remained aloof, not and who watched by his deathbed, from even putting in an appearance at his funeral. True, he grievously offended her by his faithlessness, by his neglect and by his mad freaks. But it was felt that the tortures which he endured beallowed her flance's love for her to forc being released by death should waver, despite all the temptations have moved the mother of his children

nounced, she would frequently deleate Marie Therese, who was her sisterand strength which no one ever sus- that her powers as such were not alpected to be concealed beneath his ways used in kindness to her step-

Then came the day when Marie about to the terrible experiences Therese lost her husband, and, with which he has undergone since the be- ex-Crown Princess Stephanic likewise eliminated by her widowhood it was undoubtedly due to the influence of Maria Josepha who became acting first lady of the land and availed herself husband will remain uncontested of feminine ways with Marie Therese. throughout his reign it is idle to be- When Maria Josepha in turn was rele-To begin with, sovereigns are gated to the background as a widow subjected by reason of their rank to by her husband Archduke Otto's death temptations which do not fall to the it was his half sister. Annunolata, that hare of men of a less exalted station is to say. Archduchess Marie Therese's place of acting Empress, which she

Archduchess Annunciata had thus uct. Their heightened color, their fried of Bavaria, but felt herself com-

that after the war it will resume its not allow this, and compromised mat-pre-eminence in this respect, and that ters by appointing her abbess of the house. to social or political account, is a court and in the world and which the loyalty of the people of this town. Nor is it only these ladies of the prerogative of crowning the Queen of court who will seek to contest with Bohemla when the Cardinal Primate

Another cause of had blood between like three scores of arch- Maria Josepha and the Archduchesses ome sort of rivalry with the others. It the kindness and support which both may be interesting therefore to draw of the latter accorded to the Duchess situation to the most important of of Hohenberg, who was murdered with them, to those who have sought to play her husband. Archduke Francis Ferdia leading role in the immediate past nand, at Sarajevo in the summer of expected to endeavor 1914, on the eve of the present war. Maria Josepha bated her brother-in-First and foremost among the Haps- law. Francis Ferdinand, who was the burg l'rincesses whom the young Em- guardian of her two sone, and may be prese has found in her path is her said to have been one of the leaders of mother-in-law, the widowed Arch- the powerful ring of other Archduchess Maria Josepha, a daughter of duchesses who contested with so much the late King George of Saxcay. The Litterness the pretensions of his mor-

who as wife has robbed her of the first the resentment entertained by these place in the affection of her son, but Hapsburg Princesses against the also because she regarded the match as Duchess of Hohenberg, which found its expression in all sorts of painful

OF ARCHDUKE FREDERICH .

ARCHDUCHESS ISABELLA WIFE

instead of boldly confronting it, and next heir, it was Marie Therese who this war upon the Duchess of Hohen-made exceedingly unpleasant by some that is to say, during some eighteen the sterner requirements of life. Tothe sterner requirements of life. To- vested with the authority of acting and youngest daughter. Archduchess approved of the heir presumptive's were not residing with him at the Empress, and it must be confessed Valerie, who was with him when he choice of a Bourbon bride. In fact, palace of Schoenbrunn or at Ischl he died; Archduchess Isabella, the Bel- Zita found the atmosphere so heavily was staying with them at her castle gian born wife of Archduke Frederick, charged with unfriendliness and ill of Wallsee Generaliseimo of the armed forces of will that save when called upon to Her infi the Dual Empire, together with her six play her role at court as the first lady bounded and, while she carefully redaughters. Archduchess Augustine, a of the land she held aloof as much as frained from using it for any political grandchilt of the late Emperor and possible from the society of her hus- purposes, she turned it to account in married to Archduke Joseph: Arch- band's feminine relatives and even duchess Blanche, daughter of the late from the great world at Vienna, be-D n Carlos of Spain and married to ing content to lead a very domestic house. The privileged position which Archduke Leopoid Salvator, Inspector- and retired life with her husband and she thus occupied during near two General of Artillery and of Aviation; children, manifesting, too, a marked decades has come to an end with the Archduchess Marie Christine, also a preference for her nursery over the death of her father. She cannot but

It is a prerogative which the reignand it was only with the utmost difficulty that Princess Isabella of Croy secured from the Court of Vienna at the time of her wedding a very reluctant and rather ungracious recog- Sophie Chotek, whose services she nition of her claim to share the arch- had engaged as the companion and ducal title and imperial status of her attendant of her girls, she should set ducal title and imperial status of her attendant of her gitten as unpleas-husband. Her path in Austria was to work to render things as unpleas-is this Pragmatic Sanction, therefore, that stands in the way of any Magyar almost impossible to secure ladies in pendent, who was murdered as

noble Belgian house of Croy, whose way at Vienna, aided by the fact that Sanction is that it provides for the members have the right of mating on her husband was of all the Hapsburg dynastic union of every one of the na-

cumstances that when the late Arch- stands in the way of any secession, or ing families do not altogether relish, duke Francis Ferdinand, Instead of of the setting up of some member of

members have the right of mating on the husband was of all the sovereign dynasties of Burope. It was only natural under the cir-

that the monarch who reigns at Vienna shall likewise rule over over other other portion of the Dual Emphre. It movement in favor of the proclama-tion of Archduchess Elizabeth, wife of Prince Otto Windischgraetz, as sovereign Queen of Hungary, where the Salic law has never been in force. It is likewise on this Pragmatic Sanctice that rests Emperor Charles's claim to be crowned as King of Hungary.

Old Kossuth, the revolutionary leader of 1849, whose name is still a household word to conjure with among all patriotic Mazyars, used, however, to insist that the Pragmatic Sanction was a myth; that it did not actually exist; that no copy of it could be found among the national archives of Hungary, and that if any document of the kind was ever discovered it would probably turn out to be a forgery. He, as well as many others of the most respected of his fellow countrymen voked the testimony of the emiant Magyar historian, Hormayss, in support of their contention.



ARCHDUCHESS MARIE VALERIE DAUGHTER OF THE LATE EMPEROR

three years following her marriage the for the greater part of the years after

ARCHDUCHESS ALICE. WIDOW OF THE GRAND DUKE OF TUSCANY, THE THIRT OF THE BOURBON BORN ARCHDUCHESSES OF

Her influence over him was unmatters relating to the court and to the various members of the reigning suffer from the changed conditions and duke Peter Ferdinand; the Bourbon Among those least congenial to her ber disposition toward the new Emborn Archduchess Alice, widow of the were the Archduchesses Valerie and press is scarcely calculated to be im-

ARCHDUCHESS AUGUSTA . WIFE OF ARCHDUKE JOSEPH , MAKES HER HOME IN HUNGARY

Duchess of Hohenberg, along with | The Hungarian Ministers of the members of the imperial family and in what had become of the original co

Perhaps the most interesting of all Now while it is possible that the

Emperor Francis Joseph, to the Mag- to work after the drafting of the Prag

Charles is hurrying as much as possi- Hapsburg monarchy its legislative anble the arrangements for his early in- proval and ratification of the decree vestiture at Budapest with the crown His action in doing so constituted the of St. Stephen. Not until that sacred first, and therefore a notable admisand venerated symbol of Magyar slop, on the part of the Another vessel with a history has sovereignty has been placed on his House of Hapsburg, that the people been added to the fleet of the Spanish head jointly by the Cardinal Primate have a right to a voice in the selecline, which has steadily increased its and the Protestant Premier of Hun- tion of their dynasty. tonnage since the beginning of the war. gary will the people of that country be It is the liner Alfonso XII. a former willing to accord him their unreserved to his sceptre to give its adhedon in

All that stands in the way of Arch- Bohemia, which was followed by the German Lloyd liner. Under the North duchess Elizabeth's rights to the crown Archduchy of Austria. Hungary, al-German Lloyd flag it was known as of St. Stephen is the Pragmatic Sanc- though she had been the first to sugthe Havel and was used at times by tion, which a portion of the Hungarian gest the Pragmatic Sanction, was the the Kaiser to cruise to the Baltic people believe to be a mere myth. last to give legislative approval there-Most students of history are aware to, which she did not accord until 1723 During the Spanish American war that the Pragmatic Sanction of April, that is to say, ten years after the sigthe liner was purchased by the Span- 1713, was an agreement between Em- nature of the decree by Charles VI ish Government and fitted up as an peror Charles VI. and his people de- Her reason for suggesting it was with nuxiliary cruiser. At the close of the vised for the purpose of securing the a view to her protection against the war the handsome fittings were re- succession of his throne to his eldest Turks, who had so frequently laid placed and the vessel was given over daughter, afterward Empress Maria waste her kingdom, and this protec-

placed in the merchant service, to the German and Austrian crowns. Up to economic, with the remainder of the beginning of the eighteenth cen- Hapsburg monarchy. The main saloon of the Alfonso XII. tury the Salic law had prevailed in The Pragmatic Sanction was after has extremely fine fittings. Almost in Germany and in Austria-though not ward communicated by Charles VI. in the centre of the room there is a in Hungary-with the result that on writing to the various Powers of bronze bust of the ruler after whom each occasion when the male line of a rope, each expressing its approval and the ship was named. On one side of dynasty died out sanguinary wars of good will in the matter. To say, therethe main stairway leading into the succession ensued, in which neighbor- fore, that the Pragmatic Sanction is a

to ascend the thrones of Germany and should have attached the amount

jevo in the summer of 1914. The matter in the Parliament at Budapest Duchess had no more cruel and re- were reluctantly forced to admit that lentless adversary at court, among the they had entirely failed to discover the great world of Vienna, than Arch- of the Pragmatic Sanction, since the duchess Isabella. In this the Archivearch that had been made for it among duchess was aided and abetted by her the national archives of Hungary had six daughters, one of whom, her name- been fruitless, and that they had been sake, a very aggressive lady, aban-doned her bridegroom, Prince George could be found at Vienna. These minof Bavaria, a grandson of the late Em- isterial admissions, made in the naperor Francis Joseph, on the morrow tional legislature, created a deplorable f the wedding, subsequently securing impression throughout the kingdom of an annulment of the union, both from St. Stephen, tending to confirm the althe Bavarian tribunals and the Church legations that the Pragmatic Sanction

the archduchesses, and the one who original document is no longer in exist invested, by reason of the tragic istence, or that it may be buried befather, Crown Prince youd immediate recovery, among the Rudolf, and by her peculiar position enormous mass of secret archives of with regard to the Hungarian crown, the House of Hapsburg at Vienna, with much pathetic romance, is the there is plenty of circumstantial evi-charming young Archduchess Eliza- dence to show that the Pragmetic beth, who in spite of all that has been Sanction is not a myth and that it said to the contrary, is happily mar-ried to Prince Otto Windischgraetz. peror Charles VI., realizing that the There are many in Hungary, in time had passed away when rulers every class of society, who insist that could dispose of their thrones and of she as the only child of the late Crown their sovereignty, by gift or bequest Prince Rudolf has become entitled without any regard for the wishes of through the death of her grandfather, the people subject to their sceptre, set yar throne and that she is their law- matic Sanction to secure from each ful Queen. That is why Emperor of the nationalitites comprised in the

The first of the nationalities mibject writing thereto was the Ringdom of the price of all sorts of ships sky- The agreement provided first of all only command by means of the closest rocketing it has been once more for the succession of women to the kind of union, dynastic, military and

the Kaiser, reminiscent of the days the females of the Hapsburg dynasty sessed of education and intelligence It is said there is a question among Austria in default of any male heirs in importance that has been accorded to the Spanish owners as to whether it the direct line was devised so as to put what is on its face a lie, primarily deis not a breach of neutrality to let an end to these struggles by providing vised for political purposes and which these portraits remain. But some of for the succession. All male scions of has won credence in Hungary largely mains an archduke, no matter how tional parliament at Budapest.

## STORIES

the affair that she wanted to become that he was delighted that I was there.

Mansfield.'

"And then," Mr. Sothern went on, proud to make the acquaintance of Mr.

"Strange that he didn't know Richard Mansfield had been dead for years."

New York is now more or less abundantly supplied with a class of waiters in New York has changed his workers who were before the war all black dress coat for the white apron but unknown here. In fact the of the ordinary waiter although he has nonopoly possessed by one of these not left the restaurant in which he has workers made her rich, and instead served for more than a quarter of a of the modest quarters she once occu- century. His profits have been some pied she is now the owner of a large what diminished and his honors are

residence on a cross street. or as they call themselves in French cumstances and greets his old patrons Marie Therese, whom she driests. incidents at court and in the great the fabric which has been torn or The change in his position is said to Marie Therese, a sister of the Duke world of Vienna. In fact, the late frayed. The marvellous skill of the be due to the same causes that have

met in the lobby of the Hotel lowed her here and may be seen work- them to resist. Algonquin one day last week torn fabrics stretched on cushions in have cost four or five dollars and it is maccaroni have been drowned at some when Mr. Sothern was passing through shop windows in order that every ray left half full it is a difficult thing." long past moment.

The business of selling cut rate profitable that the same policy will ous audiences. Last week cut rate profitable enough to take them, but best known of the virtuosi who were appearing in various music halls and there was said to be a lively demand ties and it is through other channels

for them. If any manager can contrive some given away he will earn the gratitude of young concert givers. The cut rate "Of course it was," Mr. Sothern an- artists who are looking for a hearing: swered. "but it seems to me a whole at all events it is better than compellot stranger that he didn't know I ling the manager to go to the expense

One of the best known of the headnot so great as they were, although These new arrivals are the menders. he seems philosophical under the cir-

of Braganza, is a very brilliant woman, the first immigrant from France to bring brought other waiters to grief. The whereas Maria Josepha is, like her sidtest brother, the present King of Saxduke Francis Ferdinand, to promote immediate demand. Since the war pensive wine that are often left by

posed of pepper and hot water, in which sundry vegetables and bits of

conferred by his address, and above eve of the wedding day owing to cir. the city in the course of his tour for the city in the course of his tour for the headwalters in a second to the benefit of the British Red Cross.

The work, while highly profitable, is a wenue restaurant said yesterday, "for will explain the secret of minestrone." th their beauty and their wit, con- been brought to her knowledge. He "I had a singular experience," he so wearing on the eyes that few are a waiter who knows how fine the wine under favorable circumstances: he willing to undertake it. Indeed the is to leave it untouched. This temptaand she, who had remained deeply in up to me in the office of a hotel in mending silk are so great that the a walter that few can stand up against should be very highly seasoned with it. It is this danger that finishes the sait and pepper. A man who is full

> photographers said the other day, "it is not possible to say. It is not only ticket may prove of great benefit to the matinee idol who is now neglected but the footlight beauty whose picture used to sell by thousands is now a thing of the past.

"Of course the economical postcard has had its influence here as else-where, but it is by no means certain were several years ago. The excellent reproductions of the pictures of actors that are to be had for nothing has probably had more to do with the

Whatever the cause may have been the photographer who expected to sell enough pictures to the public to make worth his time to make pictures of celebrities would be in trouble within a short time."

"Pepper makes a man thirsty. soups, entrees and even appetizers of water cannot eat much meat.

royal yacht used by the King of Spain allegiance. on many trips, and before that a North

to the use of the royal family. With Theresa, he being without male issue. profit of all concerned.

saloon is a portrait of Frederick the ing countries were also involved. Great and on the other a portrait of The Pragmatic Sanction permitting It is amazing that any persons poswhen she was German owned.

## Grand Duke of Tuscany, and Arch- Isabella. Valerie was the youngest proved thereby.

their beauty and their wit, conbeen brought to her benefit to her beauty and their wit, conbeen brought to her benefit to her brought to No court in Europe has been able in love with him, was so heartbroken over one of the cities we played and said twices are almost prohibitive. Her uncle, she late Emperor, would that he had already bought his seats

"There is one thing you can always the overabundant concerts, which are also true that there is much less deof Emperor Charles, in order to turn enabled her to retain her place at be certain of.' he said, 'and that is more frequent than ever before and mand for their pictures than there carries with it the curious episcopal They always turn out for Richard tickets were offered for some of the

"he took my hand and said he was Mansfield. Now what do you think of arrangement by which tickets can be "Strange," Mr. Drew answered

"stoppeurs," who mend by reweaving with his customary cordiality.

tion is so frequently put in the way of career of many waiters."

While musical and dramatic celebrities are in all probability as much now be attempted by the managers of photographed as they ever were it is there is no longer the same revenue to be derived from the sale of them over the counter to admirers of the celebrihat the maker of the pictures derives

"Just why the public has ceased to

essation of sales than anything else.

Minestrone is served in a huge howl the directors, on the other hand, are the House of Hapsburg are at birth through the unfortunate admissions with a ladle. The diner at an Italian said to be of the opinion that it would archdukes and as long as there re- of her Ministers of State in the na-